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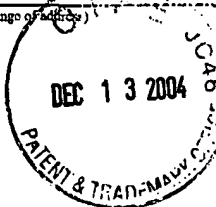
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TITLE OF INVENTION: MICROBIAL COMPOSITION AND A PROCESS USEFUL FOR THE NEUTRALIZATION OF ALKALINE WASTE-WATERS

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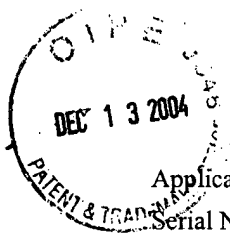
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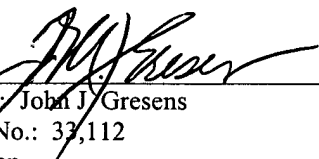
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